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SUBJECT: NICARAGUAN CONCERN ABOUT MEAT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

1. EDUARDO CARDENAL, PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL FOODS, S.A., MANAGUA, AN AFFILIATE OF ALBERTI INTL., INC., HINSDALE, ILLINOIS, CALLED AT EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 7 TO EXPRESS NICARAGUAN MEAT PROCESSORS AND SHIPPERS' CONCERN THAT TRIGGER LEVEL OF US MEAT IMPORTS FOR IMPOSITION OF MANDATORY MEAT IMPORT QUOTAS MAY SOON BE REACHED. MEAT IMPORTERS COUNCIL OF AMERICAN, INC. HAD ALERTED HIM, HE SAID, THAT AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BUTZ MIGHT ISSUE FINDING ON SEPT. 30 THAT THAT TRIGGER LEVEL HAD BEEN REACHED.

2. CARDENAL SAID THAT SINCE IMPOSITION OF MANDATORY QUOTA WOULD LOWER ALLOWABLE MEAT IMPORTS FROM NICARAGUA BY TEN PERCENT, I.E., SOME 4 MILLION POUNDS, HE AND OTHER LOCAL PACKERS/SHIPPERS WOULD LIKE TIMELY NOTIFICATION THAT ATTAINMENT OF TRIGGER LEVEL IMMINENT. THEY WOULD THEN CUT BACK OPERATIONS AND EMPLOYMENT. HE ADDED THAT HIS FIRM WOULD CUT ITS OPERATIONS IN HONDURAS AS WELL.

3. EMBOFF TOLD CARDENAL THAT MR. TAYLOR OF EB/OF/FPD, WHO HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MET WITH NICARAGUAN OFFICIALS AND CATTLEMEN RECENTLY (MANAGUA 4192),

HAD PROMISED TO CABLE TO EMBASSY THE WEEKLY REPORTS OF US CUSTOMS SERVICE "MONITORINGS OF MEAT SUBJECT TO THE MEAT IMPORT LAW OF 1976." EMBOFF ADDED THAT SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE RELAYED BY THIS EMBASSY TO APPROPRIATE GON AND TRADE CIRCLES AS SOON AS RECEIVED IN ORDER TO KEEP THEM INFORMED OF STATUS OF SUCH IMPORTS. IN THIS REGARD, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE SUCH REPORTS INCLUDE A RECEIPTS TOTAL WHICH WOULD INDICATE HOW CLOSE GLOBAL IMPORTS ARE TO TRIGGER LEVEL.
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